

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that is
contactable with a human body;

5 a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface
opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the
backsheet; and

10 three-dimensional gathers formed at the topsheet side to be
raised at both side portions in a longitudinal direction of the
absorbent body;

wherein portions of the topsheet along both sides in the
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body are folded up to the
topsheet side and are adhered to the topsheet;

15 wherein the backsheet covers the absorbent body so as to
cover from a bottom face of the absorbent body to side surfaces
of the absorbent body, and the backsheet includes folding
portions which are folded up to the topsheet side along both side
portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

20 wherein a part of each of the folding portions is adhered
along a corresponding one of the folded portions of the topsheet,

~~so as to cover both of the folded portions of the topsheet to the~~
~~topsheet at a corresponding attachment portion and so as to be~~
flat along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of
the absorbent body;

25 ~~wherein the topsheet includes adhesion sections along both~~
~~side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body~~
~~at each of which the corresponding attachment portion of the~~
~~topsheet is folded up to the topsheet side and adhered to the~~
~~topsheet;~~

30 wherein non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics are adhered to
surfaces that are opposite to surfaces of the folding portions
that face the topsheet to form the three-dimensional gathers;

 wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics are
adhered to the flat folding portions so as to form flat root
35 portions of the three-dimensional gathers along both side
portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body; and

 wherein the three-dimensional gathers are raised from the
flat root portions along both side portions in the longitudinal
direction of the absorbent body.

9. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according
to claim 8, wherein the three-dimensional gathers comprise the
folding portions and the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics
which are at least partially adhered to the folding portions,

5 wherein the three-dimensional gathers have free ends structured
with the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according
to claim 9, wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics are
adhered to the backsheet from adhesion starting points that are
at an inner side in a width direction than folding starting
5 points of the folding portions.

12. (Withdrawn) The absorbent article according to claim 8,
wherein the backsheet includes a ramie nonwoven fabric.

Claim 13-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) An inner absorbent article,
comprising:

a liquid-permeable topsheet positioned at a surface that is
contactable with a human body;

5 a non liquid-permeable backsheet positioned at a surface
opposite to the topsheet;

an absorbent body provided between the topsheet and the
backsheet; and

three-dimensional gathers formed at the topsheet side to be
10 raised at both side portions in a longitudinal direction of the
absorbent body;

wherein portions of the topsheet along both sides in the
longitudinal direction of the absorbent body are folded up to the
topsheet side and are adhered to the topsheet;

15 wherein the backsheet covers the absorbent body so as to
cover from a bottom face of the absorbent body to side surfaces
of the absorbent body, and the backsheet includes folding
portions which are folded up to the topsheet side along both side
portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body;

20 wherein a part of each of the folding portions is adhered
along a corresponding one of the folded portions of the topsheet,
so as to cover both of the folded portions of the topsheet to the
topsheets at a corresponding attachment portion and so as to be
flat along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of
25 the absorbent body;

~~wherein the topsheet includes adhesion sections along both
side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body
at each of which the corresponding attachment portion of the
topsheets is folded up to the topsheet side and adhered to the
30 topsheet;~~

wherein non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics are adhered to surfaces that are opposite to surfaces of the folding portions that face the topsheet to form the three-dimensional gathers;

35 wherein the non liquid-permeable nonwoven fabrics are adhered to the flat folding portions so as to form flat root portions of the three-dimensional gathers along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body; and

40 wherein the three-dimensional gathers are raised from the flat root portions along both side portions in the longitudinal direction of the absorbent body.

Claim 22 (Canceled).